



Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response

Attorney General Bob McDonnell is pleased to announce a recognition program for localities that demonstrate promising and innovative methods to combat and respond to domestic violence in their communities.

Through the "Safe in Our Communities: Community Recognition Program for Promising Practices in Domestic Violence Response," localities may apply for official state recognition of their innovative practices to combat domestic violence. Communities selected will receive recognition from the Attorney General in the Spring of 2009, as well as monetary awards from Verizon Wireless.

The application deadline for the program is **January 30, 2009**. Applications received from localities will be reviewed by a team of local and state stakeholders, including representatives from the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Office of Family Violence, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council, the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Information about the Program and application materials are available online at the Attorney General's website, www.vaag.com.

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